

Study Groups FAQ:

What is the peer Study Group program?

The Peer Study Group Program is a free program of support for all currently enrolled Carson-Newman undergraduate students. We offer study groups in most courses, and there is no charge to students. Study groups meet weekly at regularly scheduled times in various areas of the campus. Each study group has a peer leader, and is designed to help any student who needs assistance in meeting their academic goals.

Who are the Study Group leaders?

Study Group Leaders are Carson-Newman students who are interested in helping other students learn in a comfortable, friendly, peer situation. Study Group Leaders have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, have an A or B in the course for which they lead a group and have the recommendation of at least one professor. Our leaders all complete a Study Group Leader Training program.

How do I find a study group?

The Student Success Center schedules Study Groups each semester. A schedule of subjects, times, days, and locations are available on this [website](#) or in the Student Success Center. Your professor should also have that information. Students may request information by calling 865-471-3567 or by coming to the Student Success Center, which is located on the 2nd floor of the Library.

Who benefits from attending a study group?

Any student who needs some assistance in a class will benefit. Whether you want to go from a “F” to a “C” or a “B” to an “A”, being a part of a study group can be immensely helpful. Working with your study group leader and the others in your study group can lead to a greater understanding of the concepts you are trying to learn.

Expectations

You can expect your leader:

to be a friend to respect your privacy to be knowledgeable to attend all scheduled sessions to help you prepare for tests to encourage you to help you develop your study skills

Your Study Group Leader will expect you:

to be on time for scheduled sessions to have read the assignment to bring your materials (textbook, notes, etc.) to have done your homework first and come with questions understand that he or she is a peer helper, not a teacher

PLEASE NOTE:

Study Group Leaders will not edit, correct, or help you with homework that is to be graded. They will try and help you develop critical thinking skills, work similar problems, assist you in understanding how you can do your work, and recommend other resources such as reference librarians, your professors and web resources.

How can I become a Study Group Leader?

If you are looking for extra income, enjoy helping others, have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, an A or B in the course for which you would like to be a group leader, a recommendation from the professor and can work flexible hours, then being a study group leader may be for you. Being in a study group supplements the classroom instruction by helping students clarify concepts from classes, guiding of skills practice and helping with learning effective strategies. Applications to be a study group leader are available in the Student Success Center.

What will be expected of me if I become a study group leader?

provide individual and study group tutoring for subject areas and study strategies as appropriate will attend all and be prompt for study group sessions attend training workshops and meetings as required refer students to the Director if the student's personal and/or academic needs are beyond the scope of the tutor's expertise will keep accurate records will participate in an evaluation process will maintain confidentiality at all times

Study Skills

The Student Success Center also offers seminars and one-on-one appointments for students who need assistance with Study Skills. Call (865) 471-3567 for more information.